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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/756,188	BROCKWAY ET AL.	
	Examiner Kennedy Schaetzle	Art Unit 3766	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 06 August 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/8/04.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. The examiner notes the existence of several claimed species involving the type of secondary parameter used (i.e., vascular pressure, vascular flow, intracardiac pressure and tissue perfusion), but is not requiring an election of species because the various species are not considered to be patentably distinct (i.e., they are not considered capable of supporting separate patents without invoking obviousness-type double patenting).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-3, 6, 8, 9, 12 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Geddes et al. (Pat. No. 4,291,699).

4. Regarding claim 1, Geddes et al. disclose a medical method comprising providing an ITD (defibrillator) configured to measure a primary parameter indicative of an aberrant heart rhythm (ECG) and to deliver a therapy to correct the aberrant heart rhythm; providing an ISD configured to measure a secondary parameter (impedance) indicative of the aberrant heart rhythm; implanting the ITD and ISD in a patient; connecting the ITD and ISD; and operating the ITD as a function of the measured primary parameter and the measured secondary parameter (see control logic 30 of Fig. 1 and associated text). Related comments apply to similarly worded claims 8 and 14.

5. Regarding claims 6 and 12, Geddes et al. disclose that pressure transducers introduced into the heart have been used and are capable of providing the necessary measurement of cardiac mechanical activity (col. 3, lines 12-26). The fact that Geddes et al. disparage detecting the mechanical activity with such a pressure transducer does not preclude application of the Geddes et al. reference to claim 6 (see MPEP 2131.05).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 4, 5, 7, 10, 11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Geddes et al..

8. While Geddes et al. do not disclose utilizing vascular pressure, vascular flow or tissue perfusion, Official Notice is taken that these parameters are all well-known indicators of the hemodynamic state of the cardiovascular system. Those of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that any secondary parameter capable of providing the defibrillator with accurate data able to confirm the suspicion of an aberrant heart rhythm as detected by the primary ECG system, would have been suitable to the Geddes et al. invention. The examiner further has not required an election of species as discussed above because the various parameters set forth were not considered to be patentably distinct from one another.

Conclusion

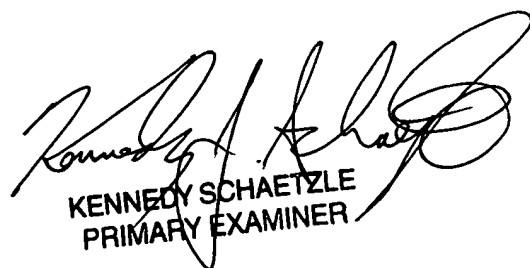
9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kennedy Schaetzle whose telephone number is 571 272-4954. The examiner can normally be reached on M-W and F from 9:30 -6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert E. Pezzuto can be reached on M-F at 571 272-6996. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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KJS
August 5, 2006



The image shows a handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Kennedy Schaetzle". Below the signature, the name is printed in a standard font: "KENNEDY SCHAETZLE" on top and "PRIMARY EXAMINER" on the line below it.

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